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**Statement by House Health & Human Services Chair Schenck
on Enhanced Controlled Substance Parameters Passing House Judiciary
Committee**

Tallahassee, Fla. – Representative Robert Schenck (R-Spring Hill), chair of the House Health & Human Services Committee, today released the following statement regarding House Bill 7095 passing the House Judiciary Committee.

“I commend the members of the House Judiciary Committee for recognizing the importance of this bill and approving it today. This bill is critical in shutting off the supply of dangerous controlled substances at its source and preventing doctor-dealers from directly selling and dispensing these dangerous and highly addictive substances to Floridians.

“To ensure that we are tackling the prescription drug abuse problem in its entirety we have added provisions that limit the dispensing of controlled substances to pharmacies with a significant presence in Florida, strengthen the reporting requirements for distributors of these dangerous controlled substances, and impose criminal penalties on controlled substance distributors who fail to credential purchasers of these drugs.

“These additional provisions reflect the real concerns that have been raised about doctor-shopping, fraudulent prescriptions, and inappropriate behavior by pharmacies. I am confident that these measures along with banning the dispensing and direct sale of controlled substances by doctor-dealers will be an effective front-end solution that will cut to the heart of our state’s prescription drug abuse epidemic.”

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